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ENGLAND EXPECTS
"CONSCRIPTION"But Nobody Is Talking Aloud
About Compulsory Military Service.

BALKAN WAR LESSON

If Great Britain Enters European Combination She
Must Be Ready.

"OLD BOBS" ON THE JOB

His Recent Speech on the Army
Caused a Considerable Stir.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—One of the direct and immediate results of the great successes in the field of the Balkan States against Turkey has been the enormous impetus given in England to the movement for universal compulsory military service. "Conscription" is a word that must not be whispered in England, but a more vocal phrase means the same thing, and many men have seen it coming for a long time. It would be a bold man who would venture to prophesy when it will come, for there can be little doubt that unless it is done when the actual stress of war is pressing hard on the country any party proposing it would meet with a tremendous reverse.

The leaders of both parties recognize the fact that it must come, but both will continue to shirk facing it and pretend to meet the difficulty with an expensive but utterly futile army of schemes which have been the laughing stock not only of the whole continent but of every practical military expert in Great Britain.

The spectacle of four small Balkan States putting 500,000 competent fighting men in the field in a marvelous short space of time has appealed to the imagination of every man who reads the newspapers. Those in England, who realize most keenly that England's days of "magnificent isolation" are over and that when she is next put to the roof she must pay her entrance fee into any European combination with men properly armed and trained, are now making a great effort to work upon public opinion and public sentiment in order to prepare the way for a measure that they know must come some time, but which they fear may only be possible when it's too late.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts, old "Bobs," who in and out of season has been the most fervent advocate of compulsory military service, started the ball rolling with his speech at Sheffield, not Manchester as some of the despatches said. This speech of "Bobs" kicked up an awful mess, as they say in dear old England. Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Minister, said in the House of Commons that it was "ill advised and mischievous," but this has probably done more to help the cause which Lord Roberts has at heart than all the arguments which have been brought forward by his pacifist critics.

Availing themselves of Lord Roberts' enormous personal popularity, those who hitherto, though recognizing the necessity of compulsory service, have lacked the courage forcibly to push their view have now taken courage in both hands and started a vigorous campaign. One paper is collecting signatures to an expression of sympathy addressed to Lord Roberts protesting against the "attacks made on you by certain politicians." Thousands of signatures are in daily to this list with letters of approval from well known and prominent men. But the most notable feature of the campaign is the remarkable series of letters which are appearing every day in the *Daily Mail*, which have torn the last shred of disguise from Lord Roberts' much vaunted "territorial army." Lord Roberts has more than once denounced this as a fraud and a sham. Every soldier knows this to be the case. The public has often been told by these and other men that it is without horses, that it is badly equipped, with 50,000 men and 2,000 officers below its establishment and with a large proportion of men in the ranks who can neither shoot nor march, while at least the army is only supposed to be able to take the field six months after war has begun.

But criticism of this kind has been somewhat vague and general and has to a certain extent been vitiated by the fact that it was passed by the political opponents of the Government which formulated the scheme.

In these letters which are appearing in the *Daily Mail*, the territorialists themselves, men and officers of all ranks, come forward and reveal a state of things which seems almost incredible. Even in the Turkish army of to-day many points could not be worse. Every branch of the service is equally bad. The officers confess that discipline in the real military sense of the word is non-existent. They are obliged to wink at who lose the men. Thousands of men who cannot ride and have practically never fired a rifle are returned as "efficient." Officers who have failed hopelessly and entirely in practical examinations for promotion, are nevertheless always passed for officers of some regiment of any sort; in other words they must be kept.

The cracks of the territorial battalions are shown to consist of men 75 to 80 per cent. of whom have never touched a rifle or donned a uniform except for the annual week in camp, which is in itself more in the nature of a picnic than training for war.

Probably no institution has been so thoroughly shown up as inefficient and worthless as has the British territorial army within the last week and that by its own and most earnest member.

Another American society has just been formed in London. It is called the American Luncheon Club. John W. Griffith is the chairman. H. E. Stoner, the manager of the Vacuum Oil Company, is vice-

chairman. F. C. Van Duzer is chairman of the executive committee. The club is modeled on the Paris Luncheon Club. Its membership is limited to seventy-five and the object is to bring American business men in London in contact with English and Continental business men. The inaugural luncheon will be held at the Savoy on November 22. Afterward there will be meetings every week.

Many attempts have been made in recent years to organize an American Chamber of Commerce in London, but the fact that England is a free trade country has interfered. It is believed that this club will fulfill the duties of a chamber of commerce in promoting American business interests.

In connection with King George's recent visit to the Wards (Honorable John Ward, who married Jean Reid) a rumor has been started in society that Mr. Ward, who now only has the courtesy title of "Honorable" as an earl's younger son, may soon have a title of his own. Mr. Ward, John Ward, is particularly popular with the King and Queen, and while it is said that perhaps he does not hanker after a title it is believed that his wife's family would appreciate it, so there is a strong probability that Mr. Ward's name will appear in the next honor list.

BERNARD SHAW'S BLACK SHEEP

They Supply Him With More Wool
Than He Can Give Away.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The nursery rhyme, "Ba, ba, black sheep, have you any wool? Yes, sir, yes, sir, three bags full!"

is recalled by a story which reveals George Bernard Shaw in a new role. Some time ago Mr. Shaw was the guest of honor at a luncheon party given by Princess Bariatinsky, whose stage name is Lydia Yavorska.

He was wearing a simple black homespun lounge suit, which soon attracted the Princess's attention, not so much by its utter simplicity as by its romantic odor, recalling the heather and peat fires of either Scotland or Ireland.

"Is this what you call Harris tweed?" asked the Princess, sniffing at Mr. Shaw's sleeve.

"No," he replied, "but if you like the stuff I'll send you all you want." He then told her the story of its origin.

It all came about from his admiration—of that of his wife—for two black sheep. The owner was so flattered that he insisted on making them a present of the sheep. Being vegetarians, they did not know what to do with them, and so they put the twin sheep out to board and lodge on a desolate farm in the north of Ireland, while they themselves returned to civilization.

Within a few months a couple of bales of wool were sent and were speedily turned into homespun for Mr. Shaw and his wife. But when the next shearing came they had more wool than they knew what to do with, so they sent it to their relatives.

Time passed and Mr. Shaw's prosperity increased; so did the wool. After his relatives he tried it on his neighbors. In fact, so much cloth arrived that soon all his friends, excepting only the critics, were wearing clothes from the shavian sheep.

He is said to have clothed many an ambitious actor appearing in his plays, but with the increase of the wool came a polite intimation from the farmer that he could no longer afford to board and lodge the sheep at the same rate as previously. Then the truth leaked out: the black sheep had lost no time in following their owner's teachings against race suicide.

SALARIES OF "STARS" GOING UP.

But Gaby Deslys Figures Make
Paris Artists Envious.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—The announcement in the French newspapers that the two music hall pets, Mlle. Gaby Deslys and Mlle. Bordie, have just signed contracts for America at the rate of \$5,000 a week is making the mouths of scores of not hundreds of real artists water.

In Paris itself prices are going up, and some of the "stars" have been engaged for the winter season at salaries up to \$100 an evening.

It is curious to note that Hortense Schneider, who was a queen of the stage under the Second Empire, was paid only \$1,200 a year at the Palais Royal, and was surprised at her own audacity in asking \$400 a month from Offenbach to create his "Belle Helene." And she was a female Cressus in comparison with artists like Mienius, with \$4 a night for his immortal "Courrier de Lyon," and Glatigny, author and actor, who in 1858 was glad of a dollar an evening in "Les Deux Aveugles."

Even Frederick Lemaire, in the zenith of his fame, never received more than \$40 a night, and fifty years later we find Coquelin with \$1,000 each time he played "Cyrano," and Mme. Bernhardt with \$1,000 for the "Alphonse."

HAD PILLS MADE BEAUTIFUL.

Oscar Wilde Refused to Take Medicine of Dingo Color.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Walford, the novelist, in her "Recollections," has a good story of Oscar Wilde, characteristic of the "pose" which was part of his stock in trade to the end.

Wilde was ill. He sent for a doctor, who gave him a prescription, but to which it was made up at the chemist's Wilde shuddered. The medicine in the bottle was a dingy brown color, and the pills were gray. They were sent back to the chemist at once with the message that unless he could make both the draught and the pills beautiful Oscar Wilde could not take them.

"I am willing to die," Wilde said, "rather than pollute my lips with that ugly stuff." The chemist knew Wilde and proceeded to carry his wishes into effect.

"The fluid in the bottle came back a rosy red—of a heavenly color!" the lady said, "while the common looking gray pills shone like gold."

Theatre Managers Must Tell Truth.

BERLIN, Oct. 26.—Herr von Jagow, Berlin's Chief of Police, has notified theatre managers that his attention has been directed to the fact that there is often a discrepancy between the time that performances end and the advertised time; in future it is ordained that the times must synchronize as nearly as possible in order that public annoyance may be minimized.

KING GEORGE MEETS
MARLBOROUGH DUCHESS

Visits Lord Iveagh for Shooting—Former Consuelo Vanderbilt Also a Guest.

SHE REENTERS SOCIETY

Countess of Warwick Sells Land in Essex—Makeup of British Polo Team.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—The King is this week visiting Lord Iveagh at Elvedon Hall in Suffolk for the shooting. Among the small party his Majesty was asked to meet was the Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt of New York, who has resumed her social and charitable activities. She worked hard for the Red Cross ball on November 7 in aid of the fund for sick and wounded on both sides in the Balkan war. This was one of the smartest events of the month. Queen Alexandra, as she prefers to be called, the Princess Christian, the Princess Louise and the Princess Henry of Battenberg are among the patrons.

The Duchess of Marlborough will give an at home at Sunderland House on December 4 for the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society. The Earl of Halsbury will preside and will be assisted by a number of prominent society women. The latter are also supporting a concert to take place on December 12 in aid of the Maternity Charity District Nurses Home at Plaistow.

Queen Alexandra will next year undertake a number of public functions and will probably do some entertaining at Marlborough House. A children's party on the occasion of Princess Victoria's birthday has been Queen Alexandra's only entertaining since the death of King Edward.

The engagement is announced of Sir Wilfred Peck to Miss Edwina Thornburgh, daughter of the late W. H. Thornburgh and Mrs. William Striding of St. Louis. Sir William Peck is 28 years of age and is very wealthy. He has a fine country place at Rousdon in Devonshire and is a nephew of Lord Middleton.

The Countess of Warwick has joined the large and ever increasing band of sellers of land. She has sold at auction 1,583 acres in Essex in fourteen lots, realizing \$129,750, exclusive of one lot which was sold privately.

It is believed that the English polo team for America will be composed of F. M. Freaque, Walter Buckmaster, Capt. K. G. Kitchin and Leslie Cheape. The Duke of Westminster will not go.

The Duchess of Roxburghe, as usual, was one of the most successful anglers at the Tweed season. She landed many salmon, some of them over twenty pounds. Lord Decies has left London for Annam. Robert Bliss has arrived here from Paris.

Lady Naylor Leland has left London for Nantclwydall in Ruthen.

SURPRISE FOR COMMITTEE.

Thought Witness Said Lord Haldane Approved of "Quacks."

LONDON, Oct. 26.—There has recently been sitting a committee to inquire into the way of the "stars" of the music hall. At the penultimate session there occurred a trying moment. The assistant editor of *Truth* was giving evidence out of the stores of his knowledge about "quacks" and their ways.

Speaking of the advantage reaped by the quack from the support of people of title, he was understood to mention one who had derived great benefit from the approval of Lord Haldane.

Dead silence fell upon the committee. The witness repeated his answer. "Would you mind," said Sir Henry Norman, the chairman, "would you mind spelling the name?" "H-a-l-d-a-n-e," said the assistant editor—and members, breathing again, freely turned to their debates.

"DON QUIXOTE'S HOUSE."

Place Purchased for Museum Once Home of Cervantes.

MADRID, Oct. 26.—"Don Quixote's House" at Valladolid, which King Alfonso has purchased for conversion into a museum, became the home of Cervantes in 1603. The house stands in one of the poorest suburbs of Valladolid, and remains pretty much as it was three centuries ago. A worn staircase leads to the two modest rooms—a sombre kitchen and a small low-roofed bedroom—which once gave shelter to the novelist, his wife and daughter, a niece, a female cousin, and a maid of all work!

The women of this crowded family supported themselves by dressmaking for the court, then in residence in Valladolid, while Cervantes ran to and fro with their work, conducted his lawsuit, and completed the great romance that was to make his name immortal.

CAUSE OF SUFFRAGETTE SPLIT.

Pettit Jealousy Broke Up Pankhurst-Lawrence Partnership.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Those who have been behind the scenes are well aware that the suffragette friction has arisen not so much because Mrs. Lawrence could not agree with the "methods of barbarism" advocated by Mrs. Pankhurst, but because of the everlasting petty jealousies that arose between Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Mrs. Lawrence. Hence, tears, mutual recrimination and finally dissolution of partnership.

Although the Pankhursts may not miss the society of the Lawrences, they will miss their contributions to the societies' coffers.

Race Suicide Greatest in Berlin.

BERLIN, Oct. 26.—In the matter of race suicide Berlin heads the list of the big cities of the world. The well known German statistician, Dr. Julius Wolf of Breslau, states that while in Paris the falling off in the birthrate between the years 1880-1910 was but 7.6 per cent., that of Berlin during the same period was 18.4.

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MYSTERY OF A STONE KING.

One in Westminster Hall Is Pensive to Experts.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The lions of Westminster are legion, some in the flesh and others in stone or marble; recently there has been an addition to the menagerie around which there is an agreeable halo of mystery.

In a gloomy niche half way down Westminster Hall there is dimly to be seen a gray stone statue of a king which has just been taken out of the Architectural Museum and perched aloft. There is a heavy crown on his head over long flowing hair, the beard is rippled and majestic. In his left hand he holds the orb, but the sceptre hand is gone. The old king broods over the hall of kings.

The experts are puzzled over his history. He stood in Westminster Hall for many centuries side by side with other stone kings and all were tidied away by the Government in 1854. Recently it occurred to Lord Beauchamp to try the effect of bringing them back. Several of the beautiful Gothic windows are blind, forming niches suitable for statues, and all the old forgotten kings may take their places in them.

This first one is a beautiful personage. No one knows what king he is or whether it is merely an ideal figure of majesty, but it is certain that he is the work of some fine fourteenth century craftsman.

The battered king is the grandest statue in the hall. Below him lie in ghostly rows the kings done with the petty realism of the modern age; immediately under his blind Majesty's gaze is the broad face, cynically furrowed, of the merry monarch. The unknown king towers over these people like a vigilant from ampler times.

QUEEN VISITS ONLY NOBILITY.

Her Exclusiveness Prevents Jealousy on Both Sides of Atlantic.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Queen Mary, like Queen Alexandra, objects to visiting houses where the chateaux is not a member of the old nobility.

This exclusiveness accounts for her absence at Houghton when the King went to shoot upon Cors-Countess of Strathford's preserves; also for her non-appearance at Chilton, where the King had some fine sport on the Hon. John Ward's estate.

Queen Mary seems determined not to visit any untitled people. The resolve has the merit of saving a lot of jealousy and heart burning on both sides of the Atlantic.

PUZZLES FOR STAGE FOLKS.

Why Do Matinees Draw Biggest Crowds? No Answer.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—There is a theatrical question that urgently demands an answer, but so far it is one that has failed to elicit a satisfactory reply.

Those whose business it is to know the habits of theatrical audiences in London have arrived at certain conclusions for which it would be interesting to know the reasons. Why is it, for instance, that the business for any play of serious pretensions should always be better at matinees than in the evening? Is it because women who are free in the afternoon are more serious playgoers than men, or is it that the serious playgoers live in the suburbs, for which matinees and no hurrying for last trains are more convenient?

Certainly it is true that fashionable society takes the theatre less seriously than it did some years ago.

Again, why is it that a census recently taken by a theatrical manager showed the district most thickly populated with theatregoers to be the Maida Vale? Perhaps it is because that is largely a Jewish quarter, and the Jews are always the most constant and intelligent playgoers.

LORD MAYOR GETS HIS FRUIT.

Ancient London Custom of Tithe Observed to This Day.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Last Monday the Fruiterers Company made their annual presentation of fruit to the Lord Mayor. This ancient City custom arose out of the Lord Mayor's privilege in early days of exacting a tithe of all the fruit brought into the city for sale. As London grew the enforcement of this right grew difficult, and the Fruiterers Company arranged to pay an annual tribute of fruit to the Lord Mayor in return for his surrender of the privilege to exact toll.

The first mention of the custom is found in the corporation records of the City of London, dated July 30, 1577, and runs: "The Fruit Merchants shall not henceforth take any fruit, but only one poit of cherries off one boat, which shall be for the Lord Mayor only."

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